

Bids Sought On Arsenal Plants

Facilities Available for Lease, Army Says

Lease bids on industrial facilities available at the Joliet arsenal were called for yesterday by the Great Lakes division of the corps of army engineers, with offices in Chicago.

The arsenal comprises the Kankakee Ordnance Works and the Elwood Ordnance plant, located 10 and 15 miles, respectively, south of Joliet on U. S. highway 66-A.

DURING THE WAR each of these government owned, contractor operated industrial plants was almost a city in itself. Each contained hospital, garage, cafeteria, office and warehouse facilities and buildings especially adapted for manufacture of chemicals and explosives. Also contained in the grounds are adequate buildings that could be adapted to provide space for a school, laboratories and dormitories.

Furniture and fixtures are available on the grounds for cafeteria and hospital. Machine tools, complete shop and maintenance equipment and mechanical conveying and handling equipment are available, as are ample warehousing, loading, tank storage and pumping facilities.

At the KOW reservation 48,000,000 gallons of water per day could be provided for consumption — eight million being obtained from 12 deep wells in the area and 40,000,000 gallons from the Kankakee and Desplaines rivers.

STEAM FOR central heating may be made available within the plant. The Public Service Company of Northern Illinois supplies the power to this industrial installation. Systems are provided for sanitary sewage and sewage disposal.

A total floor area of 300,000 square feet is contained in the buildings of the Kankakee works and 309,240 square feet in the buildings at the Elwood reserv-

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tion. Railroad transportation is available to all facilities and includes a railroad network within the plant areas with main line connections to plant and warehouse facilities in most instances. The Kankakee plant is served by the Chicago and Alton and Santa Fe railroads, and the Elwood plant by the Wabash railroad.

The Great Lakes division of the corps of engineers is offering for lease, in addition to portions of the two local installations, the Badger Ordnance Works at Baraboo, Wis., which is approximately 50 miles northwest of Madison and situated on the Wisconsin river.

It is advised that bids for the plant areas be based on personal inspection of the premises and close scrutiny of the formal invitation to bid, which will be published as an advertisement in tomorrow's Herald-News. Detailed information may be obtained from the division engineer, Great Lakes division, corps of engineers, 1660 East Hyde Park boulevard, Chicago, 15, Ill.

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